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**PATENT**

Docket No. 15916-249x

**Applicant:** Thompson et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/909,110

**Filing Date:** July 18, 2001

**Title:** Catheter Having Improved  
Torque Transmission Capability and  
Method of Making the Same

**Group Art Unit:** 3739

**Examiner:** Kearney-Rollins

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**AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**DATED DECEMBER 15, 2004**

Sir:

In further response to the Final Office Action dated December 15, 2004, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to April 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.